

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the abstract as follows:

~~The objective of the current invention is to provide~~ A boot-band is configured to be surely fastened around a member and to be clamped, via a one-step operation, without any portion of the band body buckling during fastening. The boot-band includes a pressure-reduction arrangement that is formed in an outer-layer portion in such a manner that it reduces the pressure applied to engagement pawls of an inner-layer portion when the outer-layer portion climbs over the engagement pawls. ~~A boot band 30 comprising (1) a band body 31 that is wound like a ring around a member to be clamped, and that has, at its respective ends, an outer layer portion 32 that is overlaid over an inner layer portion 33, (2) engagement holes 34, 35 that are formed in the outer layer portion 32, (3) engagement pawls 36, 37 that are formed on, and that protrude radially outwardly from, the inner layer portion 33, and that are to be engaged with the corresponding engagement holes 34, 35 so that the band body is held in a fastened state, (4) a first boot band pawl 41 that is formed on the inner layer portion 33 at a location nearer to the longitudinal end of the band body than the engagement holes 34, 35 are, (5) a second boot band pawl 38 that is formed on the inner layer portion 33 and that is to be engaged with the first boot band pawl 41, and (6) just before the first and the second boot band pawls are engaged.~~